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Sex Count Rises in Rewald Trial

Ex-Secretary Logged 29 Meetings with Defendant

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The prosecution yesterday put yet another woman on the witness stand who said she received money from Ronald Rewald after having sex with him.

Patricia Wilson, a secretary for a sporting goods operation Rewald ran, said she received \$32,000 from August 1980 to June 1983. She said she kept a log of the money received from Rewald and put an asterisk next to the times she had sex with him. The log, which was admitted into evidence, contained 29 asterisks.

Wilson said she considered the money she received "gifts."

Wilson is the fourth woman to testify in Rewald's federal fraud trial that she received money after having sex with Rewald. The government contends Rewald, although married, spent some \$280,000 on women.

Prosecutors, by putting the women on the stand, are trying to show the jury the different ways in which investors' money was spent. Some \$22 million was brought into Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong and none of it actually was invested, the government says. Instead, it says Rewald spent the money to finance a life of luxury that included cars, women, ranches, polo ponies and a \$1 million house.

The prosecutors also apparently are trying to show a darker side of Rewald than the image he projected while head of what purported to be an international investment company.

Those who knew Rewald, including a former CIA field office chief, described him during trial as a family man with high morals. Rewald frequently attended church and donated money to religious groups. That facade is gradually being dismantled by the continuing testimony of women who said he paid them to have sex with him, including one who said she had sex in one of Rewald's Rolls-Royces.

During opening statements, Rewald's lawyer told the jury that the women and fast-lane lifestyle Rewald led was just part of a CIA-financed front. Rewald's mission, his attorneys say, was to collect intelligence from highly placed foreigners.

Rewald is charged with fraud, perjury and tax evasion.